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In re Patent Application of:
Hiroto Sumida, et al.

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For: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR
CONNECTING CARRIER TAPES AND
CARRIER TAPE CONNECTING METHOD
USING THIS CONNECTING ...

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003 (Paper No. 4), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-21 for continued examination.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20402-00635-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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